

# **Robert Sanford Foster collection**

## **S3337**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Title</b>	Robert Sanford Foster collection
<b>Date</b>	1973-2013
<b>Extent</b>	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Text [Folder]</b>	S3337

### Preferred Citation

Robert Sanford Foster collection, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library

## Biographical Note

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Robert "Sandy" Sanford Foster (1834-1903) was born in Vernon, Indiana, and moved to Indianapolis at the age of 16. He served as a lieutenant for the City Greys (one of the city's four militia units during the U.S. Civil War) while working in the tinner's trade. In April of 1861, he enlisted as a private in the Union army. Foster was promoted to captain in the 11th Indiana Regiment soon after. He soon transferred to the 13th Indiana Regiment where he was promoted to major. On April 30, 1862, Foster achieved the rank of colonel. He was later promoted to major-general.

In 1865, Foster served as a member of the commission that tried the Lincoln Conspiracy defendants. After the Civil War, he returned to Indiana and organized the first post of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) there. Foster died in 1903 and was buried at Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis, Indiana.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection includes items pertaining to Robert Sanford Foster, including a three-page, typed biography by Nikki Schofield for the Sons of Union Veterans program at Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, Indiana on May 27, 2013; a copy of a photograph of Foster in his Union uniform; a plot map of section 15, lot 11 of Crown Hill Cemetery showing the place of internment for the Foster family; two lot internment orders for Clarence M. Foster (1930) and Mary Roberts Foster (1934); and copies of two photographs of the military commission who tried the Lincoln conspirators, including David Hunter, Lew Wallace, and Robert Sanford Foster, from the August 1973 issue of *Civil War Times Illustrated*.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged chronologically.

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## Administrative Information

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## **Publication Information**

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## **Conditions Governing Access**

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## **Custodial History**

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from Nikki Stoddard Schofield on 2013/6/13.

## **Accruals**

No further additions are expected.

## **Processing Information**

Collection processing completed 2016/02/04 by Nikki Stoddard Schofield. EAD finding aid created Y2016/02/04 by Nikki Stoddard Schofield. EAD finding aid revised 2016/02/08 by Brittany Kropf.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Corporate Name(s)**

- Crown Hill Cemetery (Marion County, Ind.).

### **Geographic Name(s)**

- Indiana--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
- Indianapolis (Ind.)

- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865

**Personal Name(s)**

- Foster, Robert Sanford, 1834-1903

**Subject(s)**

- Biography
- Cemeteries--Indiana
- Soldiers